

DEPARTMENT • 23

CHRISTMAS TREES & WREATHS

Chair - Robert Pollock, Indiana, PA

Judge - TBA

RULES

See General Rules and Regulations online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations>

Use general entry blank online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/forms-registration>

An entry fee of \$1 per OPEN SHOW entry will be charged for each entry registered by 12/15/2023

An entry fee of \$2 per OPEN SHOW entry will be charged for each entry after 12/15/2023.

-- ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLINE ONLY --

Early entry is encouraged. Register online at www.farmshow.pa.gov

ENTRIES CLOSE AT 6:00 P.M. JANUARY 3, 2024

1. Trees for competitive exhibit must have been grown in Pennsylvania on land owned or operated by the exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors may enter in as many classes or divisions of a class as they wish, but no exhibitor shall make more than one entry in a single class or division of a class, either in her/his own name, the name of a farm, or the name of some other person.
3. Preregistered entries may begin to arrive on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and must be delivered to the Maclay Lobby (Maclay Street side) of the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024, or they will not be eligible. Trees arriving earlier will be stored in the Maclay Street Lobby. **New entries will not be accepted on site.**
4. Trees to be exhibited shall be within the 6- to 8-foot range, measurements to be made from the bottom of the handle to the top of the tip. Tabletop-cut trees to be 48" maximum height.
5. No trees may be exhibited with limbs or foliage added that did not grow naturally in place.
6. No tree may be exhibited that has been sprayed with or has artificial color or other chemicals added in any manner.
7. Trees may be naturally grown or sheared and shaped by the exhibitor.
8. No holders should accompany trees. All trees will be supported in like manner.
9. Handles shall be well trimmed and 5 to 8 inches in length (Class 9 exempt). All handles less than 5 inches or more than 8 inches will receive a zero (0) score.
10. Judging will begin at 12:00 noon on Friday, January 5, 2024.
11. All potted plants may be picked up by the exhibitor between 5 p.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Any exhibit NOT claimed by 7 p.m. will become the property of the Farm Show. Any exhibit removed prior to the listed times without Show Management approval will result in forfeiture of all premiums.

DIVISION 001 – Christmas Trees

Class 1. Any Pine

Class 2. Douglas fir

Class 3. Any Spruce

Class 4. Fraser fir

Class 5. Concolor

Class 6. Other true domestic firs

Class 7. Other true foreign firs

Class 8. Hybrid - Cross fir

Class 9. Tabletop Tree - Cut (one of the above species)

Class 11. Grand Champion People's Choice*

– A rosette will be awarded to the tree receiving the highest number of votes cast by Farm Show visitors.

Class 12. Reserve Grand Champion People's Choice*

– A rosette will be awarded to the tree receiving the second highest number of votes cast by Farm Show visitors.

*Only first place trees in classes 1 thru 8 are eligible to compete for the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion People's Choice Award.

Scorecard

Foliage: Fresh, clean, uniform.....	15
Taper: All classes, 40% to 90%	10
Density: Uniform medium density is scored highest	15
Handle: Well trimmed 5 to 8 inches in length (Classes 9 & 10 exempt).....	10
If handle length meets requirements, it will be given a score of "10";	
if handle does not fall into the range of 5-8 inches, it will receive a score of "0"	
Color: Normal	10
Naturalness: Not perfectly smooth outside appearance.....	10
Damage or defects: Crooked stem, holes, uneven sides, etc.....	30
PERFECT SCORE	100

PREMIUMS

	Class #	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
1-8	\$120	\$110	\$100	\$90	\$80	
9	\$75	\$65	\$55	\$45	\$35	

DIVISION 002 – Evergreen Wreaths and Decorations

1. Wreaths /creative unconventional/porch pots must have been made by the person whose name appears on the entry form and cannot have been made by contract help.
2. In no case shall one person, family, or farm enter more than four items—one decorated, one undecorated, one creative unconventional, and one porch pot
3. No wreath or decoration may be exhibited that has been sprayed with or has artificial color or other chemicals added in any manner (i.e., no antidesiccants or flame retardants).
4. Preregistered entries may begin to arrive on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. and must be delivered to Maclay Lobby (Maclay Street side) of the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg by 11:00 A.M. on Friday, January 5, 2024, or they will not be eligible. **New entries will not be accepted on site.**
5. Wreaths must be made on a 12-inch ring, of natural coniferous evergreen material (no princess pine), and the outside diameter **must not exceed 24 inches**. The weight of the wreath **may not exceed 5 pounds**. Wreaths may be single- or double-faced.
6. Decorated wreaths must contain a bow and may contain broadleaf evergreens, or dried or other decorative material and ornaments.
7. Wreaths in the undecorated category must be made with one or more types of coniferous evergreens. No other materials such as sticks, berries, or leaves may be used.
8. Creative unconventional entries shall be made with natural evergreens (no princess pine) in any shape as long as they can be displayed properly.
9. Porch pot entries shall be made with natural evergreens (no princess pine) using a container of any shape no larger than 18” in any dimension. Overall size of the total arrangement may not exceed 36” high by 24” by 24”.
10. Evergreen Wreaths and Evergreen Decorations will be scored using the following criteria:

Class 1. Undecorated

Class 2. Decorated

Class 3. Creative Unconventional Entry

Class 4. Porch Pot

Class 5. Grand Champion

Class 6. Reserve Grand Champion

Scorecard	Wreath Criteria		Creative Unconventional Entry & Porch Pot Entry	
	Foliage & color	0-50	Foliage & color	0-50
Workmanship	Uniform density	0-50	Uniform density	0-50
	Uniform center hole	0-50	Method of Display (CU) Container Selection (PP)	0-50
	Uniform outside perimeter	0-50		
	No cut ends visible	0-50	No cut ends visible	0-50
	Construction quality	0-50	Construction quality	0-50
	Placement of material (decorated only)	0-50	Placement of material	0-50
Overall appearance	Eye appeal	0-50	Eye appeal	0-50
	Craftsmanship (Decorated only)	0-50	Craftsmanship	0-50
	Originality (Decorated only)	0-50	Originality	0-50
Arrangement of decorations/bow	(Bow required only for Decorated)	0-50	No bow required	
	Perfect Score for Decorated	550	Perfect Score for Creative Unconventional Entry	450
	Perfect Score for Undecorated	350	Perfect Score for Porch Pot Entry	450

Class #	PREMIUMS				
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
1-3	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
4	\$75	\$65	\$55	\$45	\$35

First through fifth place in each category will receive appropriate ribbons.
Winners of class 5 and 6 will receive a rosette.

The first-place exhibitor(s) in the decorated and undecorated classes will be eligible to compete at the national level if the exhibitor is a member in good standing of PCTGA and NCTA at the time of the PA Farm Show.